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SUBJECT: JAPANESE EMBOFF ON DIFFERING MFA AND JDA VIEWS  
OF SOVIET EXERCISE ACTIVITY IN NORTHERN TERRITORIES

REF: STATE 164664

1. JAPANESE EMBOFF WHO PARTICIPATED IN RECENT US-JAPAN  
SOVIET EXPERTS' TALKS HERE REEMPHASIZED IN JULY 5  
DISCUSSION WITH DEPT OFFICER (EUR/SOV) THAT SESSION  
WAS ASSESSED AS EXTREMELY VALUABLE BY JAPANESE MFA.  
IN PARTICULAR, EMBOFF NOTED THAT US INFORMATION ON  
SOVIET EXERCISE ACTIVITY IN NORTHERN TERRITORIES WAS  
TIMELY AND HELPFUL TO MFA IN PROVIDING BETTER PERSPECTIVE  
IN WHICH TO DOWNPLAY WHAT MFA CONSIDERS TO BE

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EXAGGERATED VIEWS PUSHED BY JDA (PARA 7 REFTEL).

2. JAPANESE EMBOFF OBSERVED THAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN  
MFA AND JDA ARE REFLECTION OF JDA'S DESIRE TO USE SUCH  
EXAMPLES OF SOVIET ACTIVITY AS RATIONALE AND SUPPORT  
FOR RAPID EXPANSION OF JDA IN SIZE AND CAPABILITIES.  
ACCORDING TO EMBOFF, THIS GENERAL JDA DESIRE TO EXPAND

IS RESISTED BY MFA BECAUSE OF PROBABLE ADVERSE  
CONSEQUENCES FOR JAPAN'S POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC POSTURE.

3. RE WESTERN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CHINA, EMBOFF  
REITERATED LINE TAKEN BY TOGO IN TALKS (PARA 8 REFTTEL),  
BUT ADDED INTERESTING OBSERVATION THAT JAPAN CERTAINLY  
WOULD BE CONCERNED IF SUCH ASSISTANCE HAD EFFECT OF  
INCREASING CAPABILITIES OF CHINA'S NAVY. VANCE

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